



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations & Appointments Committee

Monday, May 7, 2012
Meeting Report

Attendance: S. Marmarou, D. Reed

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Peter Hart (appointment – Historical Architectural Review Board)

Ms. Reed noted that Mr. Hart recently appeared before Council. Mr. Hart stated that it was for a window appeal.

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Hart was interested in serving. Mr. Hart expressed the belief that there is a disconnect between the HARB members and the residents of the historic districts. He stated that he has regular contact with contractors who say that they will not work in the City's historic districts because the permitting is too difficult. He stated that he does not agree with the contractors but that the process is very time consuming. He stated that HARB is willing to work with owners who appear before them and he noted his understanding of the need for historical integrity. He believes that historical integrity can be accomplished with new materials and flexibility of board members.

Mr. Marmarou noted the need of HARB to follow the guidelines of the Secretary of the Interior. He noted that these guidelines would need to be changed to allow newer materials. Mr. Hart agreed but noted that there is flexibility within the guidelines. He noted the need for HARB members to be familiar with new products. He stated that his skills would be helpful to HARB as he has that familiarity with new products and contractors.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if realtors inform buyers of historical regulations during the sale. Mr. Hart stated that his realtor did inform him of the historic regulations and warned him that making improvements would be difficult.

Ms. Reed noted the need of property owners to comply with the regulations to maintain the integrity of the historic district.

There was a discussion on the availability of new products which have the same look as historic products.

Ms. Reed noted the need to work toward revisions to the guidelines for more leniency.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Peter Hart to the Historical Architectural Review Board.

Sean Moretti (appointment – Main Street Board)

Mr. Moretti did not appear for his interview.

II. Filling of Vacancy on Water Authority

Mr. Marmarou stated that he has spoken with Dr. Brogan who is interested in rejoining the Water Authority at this time. Ms. Reed agrees that Dr. Brogan would be a good choice as he was a good, independent voice in the past.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that he is currently in the background check phase but that she expects that he will not have any issues. She questioned the need for an interview. Ms. Reed stated that an interview should be scheduled to follow the process. She requested this interview be scheduled in June.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk